

BERRIEN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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TITLE: FAILED ROADS

PURPOSE: It is the policy of the Berrien County Road Commission (BCRC) to ensure that roads are in an adequate condition to assure the safety of the traveling public. In addition the road commission strives to treat all townships on an equal basis while recognizing the unique differences between those public entities. It has been tradition that the Road Commission have shared in the cost with the townships in the improvements on local roads. This policy describes those actions associated when a road is deemed unsafe for the traveling public.

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- I. A local asphalt or hard surfaced road that has exceeded its useful life and can no longer be repaired/maintained in a reasonable manner shall cause the following actions to be taken.
 - A. The Managing Director provides a resolution to the Board of Road Commissioners for approval that declares a road as “Failed”.
 - B. The Managing Director or staff attends the appropriate township meeting to discuss and seek solutions for the failed local road.
 - C. As an intermediate step the road commission will, for a maximum of six (6) months.
 1. Reduce the speed limit, close the road to thru traffic/or sign the road appropriately (Rough road/Advisory speed)
 2. Continue to provide minimal routine maintenance in an effort to sustain the infrastructure as reasonable safe at the reduced speed and traffic levels.
 - D. The BCRC staff will host a public meeting with the township and residents residing on the failed local road to discuss possible options for improvement.
 - E. If within six (6) months an appropriate solution has not been reached the BCRC will revert the road to gravel. The road commission will pay for the grinding of the road and additional gravel as needed with funds taken from current or future road match monies (BCRC monies only) offered to each township.
- II. This policy does not impede the road commission in the exercise its responsibility in regards to the road system nor extend to the township, residents or other entities or parties any rights associated with the maintenance or rebuilding of the road system.
- III. This policy does not apply to emergency situations.